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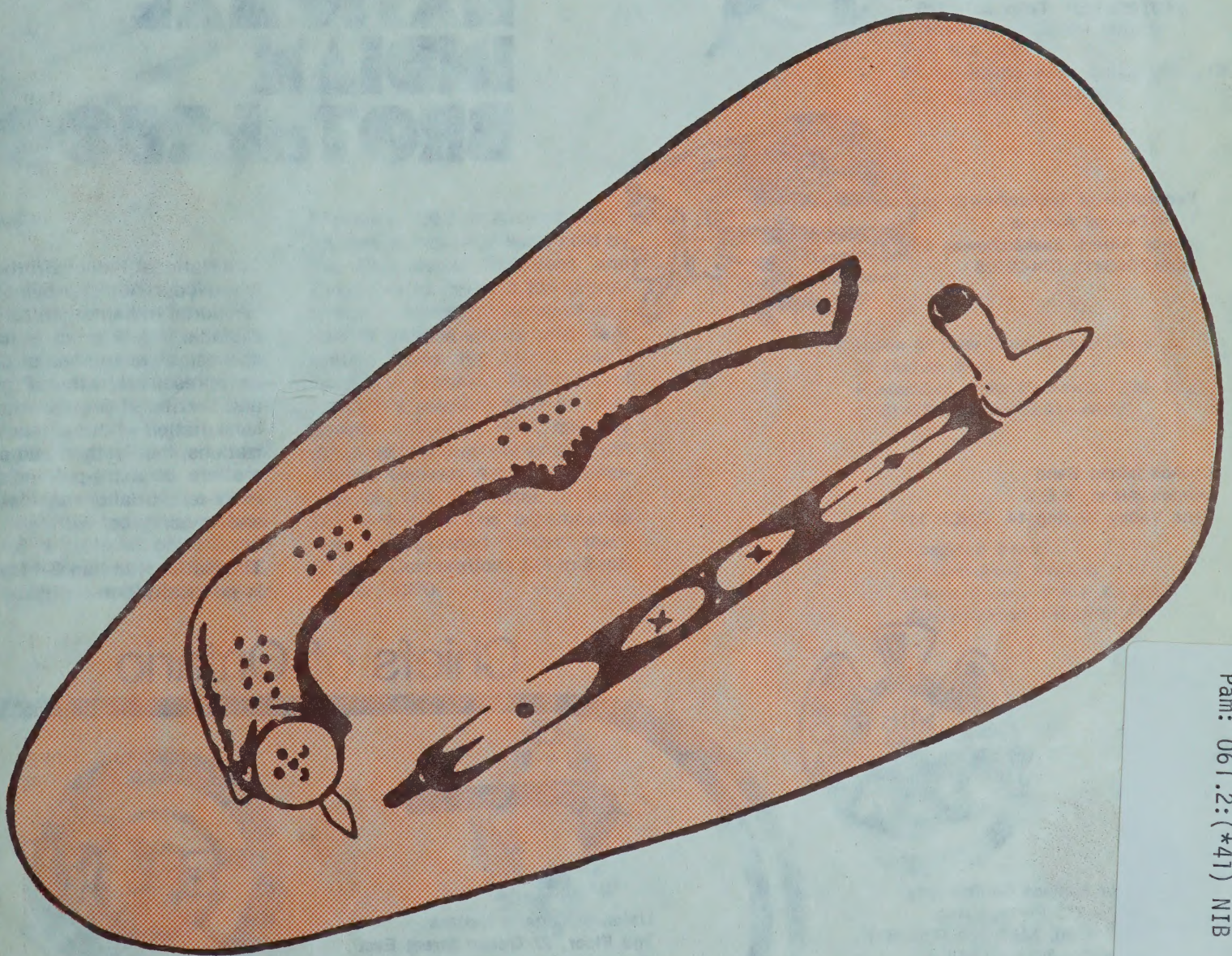

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The National Indian Brotherhood is the federation of provincial and territorial Indian organizations of Canada. It acts as a national spokesman of Indians of Canada as represented by their Provincial and Territorial Organizations. In consultation with member organizations, the Brotherhood acts on matters of extra-provincial and extra-territorial or national scope and importance.

The National Indian Brotherhood is politically non-partisan.

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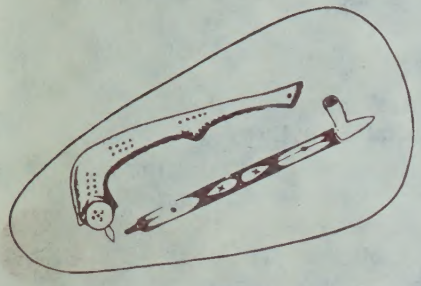

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Formation

In February of 1968, Indian and Metis representatives from eight provinces met in Toronto. Representatives at the meeting decided to form separate national organizations for the non-status Indians and status Indians. Eight provincial Indian organizations decided to form the National Indian Brotherhood and elected a Working Committee to lay the foundation for a national organization for registered Indians of Canada. During its formation period of February, 1968 to August, 1970, a series of meetings were held by the Provisional President and Executive to develop the organization to serve the needs of registered Indians and to provide a unified voice for the Indian people of Canada. The General Assembly meeting held in Vancouver in August, 1970, formally declared that meeting as the First Annual General Assembly meeting of the National Indian Brotherhood. The organization was incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act in September, 1970.

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Aims and Objectives

The National Indian Brotherhood aims and objectives are:

- assist the Provincial and Territorial Indian Organizations in working towards a solution of problems facing the Indian people ;
- operate as a national body to represent the Provincial and Territorial Indian Organizations and to disseminate information to them;
- study, in conjunction with Indian representatives from various parts of Canada, the problems confronting Indians and to make representation to the government on behalf of the Provincial and Territorial Indian Organizations;
- assist in retaining the Indian culture and values;
- act as national spokesman for the Provincial and Territorial Indian Organizations.

Structure

The functions of the National Indian Brotherhood are governed by its General Assembly which established policy and elects the President and Vice-President of the organization. The General Assembly, which meets once a year, is made up of all member organizations. Delegates to the General Assembly are elected or appointed by each respective Provincial and Territorial member organization on a per capita basis - one member per 5,000 Indians or fraction thereof within each province or territory. The member organizations are in turn governed by the Indian people within their provinces and territories. The responsibility for carrying out the policies of the National Indian Brotherhood is vested in the Executive Council which is composed of the President of each provincial and territorial member organization.

Role

The role of the National Indian Brotherhood is to co-ordinate the efforts of the Provincial and Territorial Indian Organizations to achieve national unity and to act primarily as the national spokesman of Indians across Canada. In its co-ordinating role, the National Indian Brotherhood, through the National Office, provides a framework through which the Indian people of Canada may effectively present their views on important issues such as Indian treaties, Aboriginal and Other Rights and seek solutions to common problems.

Executive Committee of the National Office

The representatives of the Provincial and Territorial Indian Organizations elect or appoint the Executive Committee to serve in the National Office.

President — Delbert Riley
Vice-President - Sykes Powderface
- elected to serve for the 1980 - 1982 term.

Programs and Research

Research is co-ordinated under the direction of the Executive Council of the National Indian Brotherhood. To fulfill the aims and objectives, the National Office has programs and conducts research in the areas of Education, Health, Housing, Socio-Economic Development, Indian Government, Parliamentary Liaison, Indian Resource Information Centre, and Media and Communications.

As well, the National Office co-ordinated major conferences which have set the direction for Indian people such as the Indian Government Development Conference in April 1979 and the First Nations Constitutional Conferences in April 1980 and December 1980.

Council of Elders

The Council of Elders was formally established in January, 1977 by an Executive Council Resolution. The Council of Elders act as advisors to the Executive and the Executive Council of the National Indian Brotherhood on program and policy matters. An Elder is chosen by each Provincial and Territorial Indian Organization to represent their respective province and territory and from among the Council Elders a chair person is selected. The Elders will attend the General Assembly Meetings, Executive Council Meetings and any committee meeting of the National Indian Brotherhood. The first meeting of the Council of Elders was held on March 28 to April 1, 1977 in Toronto, Ontario.

Provincial and Territorial Structure

Provincial and Territorial Indian Organizations were formed through the wishes of the Status Indians of their regions. The member organizations of the National Indian Brotherhood are based on Chiefs and Councillors of reserve communities. Their General Assemblies are comprised primarily of these Chiefs and Councillors who elect the executive officers of the associations.

Role

Their duties to the Indian population of their province are written into their Constitutions. The various Provincial and Territorial Indian Organizations' main task is to provide representation for the Indian population in their region. The organizations liaise with various levels of government and with each other.

Some of the programs administered by the various Indian organizations are: community development, communications, Indian rights and treaties research, medical health liaison, alcohol and drug abuse, education, Indian Government, etc.

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